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Sahibzada Mirza Mubarak Ahmad, Vakil-i-A'la addressing the Annual Gathering. The account of his West African tour which was the subject of his speech inspired the listeners to struggle harder than ever before to spread the message of Islam to the four corners of the world.

مکرم و محترم چوہدری محمد ظفراللہ خان صاحب ”فضل عمر فاؤنڈیشن“ کا اعلان فرما رہے ہیں -

Chaudhari Mohammad Zafrullah Khan, Judge of the International Court of Justice, Hague, announcing the inauguaration of the Fazl i-Omar Foundation, at the Annual Gathering

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Marching Forward

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The Annual Conference (Salana Jalsa) has come and gone. It came with uncountable blessings and it has left behind a spirit full of zeal and vigour. This was the first Jalsa after the election of the third Khalifat-ul-Masih and everybody would agree with us that it was a clear indication of the future victories that are in store for the Ahmadiyya Jamaat. The confidence with which Hazrat Khalifatul Masih spoke of unimaginable changes within the next twentyfive years had a tinge of divine assurance and as for ourselves, we are quite certain that when he was speaking on this subject he was inspired by divine powers. And when he announced that he had received the news of a Gambian Ahmadi having been appointed as the Ag. Governor General and that this was the first occasion that a Gambian had been elevated to that exalted office, every heart was filled with confidece, joy and thankfulness to God. For, He it was who had told the Promised Messiah, peace be on him, almost a century ago that kings would seek blessings from his clothes—A Governor General is a king in his own right.

Hazrat Amirul Momineen Khalifatul Masih III also gave an outline of the work he intended to do in connection with the preaching of Islam in foreign countries. And it was very encouraging to note that he laid very great stress on re-opening the Missions which had to be closed down for one reason or the other, during the war or after that. It is indeed of great importance that every effort should be made to see the work once started, reach its climax. Any hurdle that comes our way, must prove a temporary hitch and the earliest opportunity of removing it should be captured with the required alertness. He mentioned seven Missions (or say, countries) which must be opened at the earliest possible time. Japan and France were among these seven.

He also mentioned the production of literature. The first on the list is the publication of the translation of the Holy Quran in the languages, the script of which is ready to go to the press. Further translations would be carried

out with the same zeal which had inspired Hazrat Muslih Mauood, may God be pleased with him, to take this work in hand.

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Having given the outline of this work, he told the Jamaat that all this could be done with the co-operation of each and every member of the Community and therefore he called upon everybody to 'help' him. Without a moment's delay there were shouts of "we are with you, Sir, ready to do anything you would like us to do". This was a unique moment during the Jalsa for it helped the people express their loyalty and faithfulness to their beloved Master in a wonderful manner.

Another great thing that happened was the inauguration of Fazli Omar Foundation for which the members of the Community have been asked to donate two and a half million rupees (almost equivalent to two hundred thousand sterling pounds). The announcement was made by Ch. Mohammad Zafrullah Khan under the instructions of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih. And it will add to the faith of all of us to know that within a day or two a million and a half rupees were promised towards this fund. Hazrat Khalifatul Masih while announcing the promised amount expressed the hope that the members of the Community in foreign lands would contribute no less than a million and a half rupees. We are sure the foreign Missions would gladly exceed this limit, for it is they who received a very great portion of the blessings of Hazrat Fazl-i-Omar, may God be pleased with him. It was also announced that one of the things for which this money would be utilised would be the training of more Missionaries for foreign countries as well as for Pakistan. That indeed was the nearest to the heart of Hazrat Fazl-i Omar about whom God had said that the nations would be blessed through him.

Now that the work of the Tahrik-i-Jadid is going to be started with a new zeal, may we ask our readers to please help as much as they can. And the best help they can give is—increase the contribution towards Tahrik-i-Jadid and pay up the arrears. May God help all of us to do all we can to help the cause of the religion of God. Amen.

The Passing Away of A Great Nation Builder

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People from all walks of life and in all parts of the world have sent condolence messages on the demise of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih II, the Muslih Mauood, who left this earthly world for the Great Beyond on the 8th of November 1965. From the humblest to the highest man was grieved at this sad event, for there was no aspect of life which remained untouched by this departed leader of men. He supported the low and helped the high ones to make this world a better place to live in. His greatest ambition was to push the cause of humanity forward by spreading the teachings of Islam to all the parts of the world and he spared no pains to achieve his objective. He opened a large number of Islamic Missions in various parts of the world and trained missionaries to work there. He worte a large number of books—his major publications being the commentaries on the Holy Quran which will always stay as a revered memento for him. The help he gave to the people of Kashmir and the way he worked for Pakistan to come into existence will go down in history of the Muslim world as one of the noblest acts of a man who did not claim to be a politician.

Mr. William S. Tubman, the President of the Republic of Liberia (West Africa), sent his condolence message to our Missionary-in-charge in Monrovia and asked him to convey the same to the Headquarters of the Movement. Various Muslim Organisatio ns in West Africa also joined the Ahmadiyya Communties in their respective countries to share this grief. A large number of newspapers in different countries paid him tribute by not only publishing the news of this sad event but also euologising his good qualities. The Radio Stations also broadcast the news.

Some of the tributes paid to him were very touchy and showed the extent to which he had influenced the members of the Community as well as those who not only did not belong to the Community but were counted as members of the Opposite Camp. The Editor cf the Light, Lahore (the weekly newspaper published by the Ahmadiyya Anjuman Ishaat Islam, Lahore) published the following tribute in his editorial columns :

"The death of Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmud Ahmad, Head of the Ahmadiyya Movement, (Rabwah) rang the curtain down on a most eventful career, packed with a multitude of far reaching enterprises. A man of varsatile genius and dynamic personality, there was hardly any sphere of contemporary thought and life during the past half century, from religious scholarship to missionary organisation, even political leadership, on which the deceased did not leave a deep imprint. A whole network of Islamic missions and mosques scattered over the whole world, the deep penetration of Islamic preaching in Africa transplanting the long-entrenched Christian missions are a standing monument to the deceased's imaginative planning, organisational capacity and unflagging drive. There has hardly been a leader of men in recent times who commanded such deep devotion from followers, not only when alive, but after death, when 60,000 people rushed from all parts of the country to pay their last homage to their departed leader In the story of the Ahmadiyya Movement the Mirza Sahib's name will go down as a great Nation Builder, who built up a well knit community in the face of heavy odds, making it a force to be counted with. We offer the bereaved family our deep condolences in this great loss"

(The Light, 16.11.1965)

What We Do?

An extract from a speech of Sahibzada Mirza Mubarak Ahmad, Vakil-i-A'ala (& Vakil ut Tabshir) at Bandung, Indonesia in July, 1963. *(Editor)*

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In East Africa we have our Missions in Kenya, Uganda and Tanganyika and through them our influence is reaching the remote territories of Congo, Rhodesias and Nyasaland. In all these parts a great awakening for Islam is now visible.

The outstanding achievement of this Mission is the rendering of the Holy Quran in Swahili, the Lingua Franca of East Africa. This translation with commentary has proved a landmark in Islamic literature and given a new leasc of life to Muslims who are using it advantageously in their contacts with Christians.

This work has been mentioned in the "Introduction to the History of East Africa," by Z. A. Marsh and G. Kingsford, Cambridge University Press, London. A Christian Missionary, Lyndon P. Harries, M.A. Ph.D., has also ac knowledged the services of Ahmadiyya Mission. In his book 'Islam in East Africa' he says,

"Even though they (Ahmadis) are regarded by the orthodox as heretics, they are more able defenders of their faith than any of their contemporaries. There are no more active propagandists in the Muslim world today; it is significant that of all the Indian Muslim sects this is the only to establish itself among tribal Muslims".

In South Africa, due to Government restrictions we have not been able to send any missionary from our Headquarters but there the local Ahmadiyya Jama'at is very active and is most successfully defending Islam against the onslaughts of Christianity.

In America we have our Missions in Washington D. C. and branches spread over in Philadelphia, New York, Baltimore, Pittsburgh, Youngstown Cleveland, Chicago, Dayton, Indianapolis, Milwaukee, St. Louis and Los Angels etc.

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What they say !

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THE TIME weekly newsmagazine of the United States in its issue for December 10, 1965 says, inter alia :

"The historical problem of the life of Jesus, as tackled by scholars from David Friedrich Starauss in 1835 to Albert Schweitzer and De-Mythologizer Rudolf Bultmann. is that the evidence for the empty tomb and the Resurrection comes from divergent Gospel accounts. Bultmann asserted that the Resurrection is not a historical event and is "nothing other than faith in the cross as the salvation event." Schweitzer rejected both the empty tomb and the Resurrection as legendary, stressing that they were unnecessary to the truths proclaimed by Jesus in his teachings. Schonfield claims that as a Jew he has no need to torture the no-Ressurrection theory into some form of support for Christianity, but he does not discredit Christ. Instead, he argues that Christ was indeed the Messiah - the Son of Man, as he thought of himself, but not the Son of God—who had been foretold by the Jewish prophets of old, and that this is glory enough."

The article from which the above quoted passage has been culled is captioned "Did Christ die on the Cross?"

Here is another passage from the TIME (9.11.1965) :

"What perhaps was most pathetic about the Morrison and La Porte suicides was the futility of such attempts at martyrdom. Where dissent is harshly silenced spectacular means of protest may be needed ; within the ample means and methods of U.S. democracy, a human voice means more than a human torch. "The mark of the immature man is that he wants to die nobly for a cause," Psychoanalyst Wilhelm Stekel one said, "while the mark of the mature man is that he wants to live humbly for one."

How true are these remarks. Those who gave the idea of the death of Jesus for the sake of mankind, displayed nothing but the immaturity of man. Jesus knew that it was better for a man to live and serve mankind than to die and that is why he prayed to God that the cup of death on the cross may be removed and also when hewas on the cross he cried out to God for help. For, he wanted to live and give the message of God to the people. Those of his followers who were no upto the mark of spirituality thought perhaps to die nobly for a cause was better than having lived and preached to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. But according to the Psychoanalyst Wilhelm Stekel "The mark of the immature man is that he wants to die nobly for a cause, while the mark of the mature man is that he wants to live humbly for one."

ACTIVE & VOCAL

The Ahmadiyya Sect is small but very active and vocal. It came from India where the founder, Ghulam Ahmad. died in 1908. Pakistani missionaries often visit different parts of West Africa and their success seems to be greater among the coastal and educated people than among the older orthodox Muslims of the interior for the Ahmadiyya teach variant doctrines from the orthodox. They run a number of schools on western lines, print journals. and write columns on Muslim teaching for the secular press.

(West African Review, Dec. 1960)

Our European Missions

(NOVEMBER 1965)

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Passing away of Hazrat Khalifat-ul-Masih II. Muslih Mauood (May God be pleased with him) on Nov. 8, caused widespread grief. Surely to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return ! He, in fulfilment of prophecies was Divine instrument in establishing of missions in Europe and other parts of the world and was naturally murned by his spiritual progeny everywhere. May Allah shower His choicest blessings on him and protect his life 'work and make it grow and flourish under the guidance of his successors. Hazrat Sahibzada Mirza Nasir Ahmad's election as Khalifatul Masih III brought sudden relief and peace. May Allah bless him and enable him to continue with the grace and mercy of God the task of his illustrious Father! Amen. Condolence meetings were held at Madrid, The Hague, Hamburg, Nuremberg and Zurich. On this occasion, resolutions pledging allegiance to Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III were also passed. At Hamburg a speakr besides the Imam was Mr. Abdul Karim Duncker. At Zurich after the speech of the Imam, the 3 resolutions were moved and seconded by 6 members of the Swiss community, The mission issued a number of circulars and letters intimating the members of the serious illness of Hazrat Muslih Mauood (may God be pleased with him), his passing away and the election of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III. Condolence and allegiance telegrams were also sent from the missions. Swiss mission issued also 2 press messages. Spanish Mission informed General Franco, Foreign Minister, Minister for Information and some other officials of the passing away of the late beloved Imam and the appoinment of the new Head. Janaza prayers were offered in all the missions. May Allah give us to fully obey the commands of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III and devote wholeheartedly all our energies to achieve the goal of bringing the whole humanity back to God so that we migt see the prophecy of new earth and new Heaven fulfilled in our time with our own eyes. Amen.

We are also sad to record our profound grief and heartfelt sympathy at the sudden demise of the youngest son of Imam and Mrs. B.A. Rafiq. Innalillah. May God bless them with His grace and protection. Amen.

Spain : Literature was sent to prominent people. Mr. Mubarak Ahmad, new Ahmadi from Polma de Mallorca stayed for one month at the mission-house, learned prayer and studied Islamic teachings. Mr Zafar, as usual established contacts at Rastro and held meetings in the evening at the Missionhouse. One joined the Movement Alhamdulillah.

Holland : Besides weekly meetings of members, 2 public meetings were held at the mosque. Imam spoke in 6 towns on Islam. A stall to sell literature was hired at a conference at The Hague. Dutch radio gave an half-hour broadcast about Ahmadiyyat including interview of a Dutch member. Issued 9 pages pamphlet about world Muslims. One joined Ahmadiyyat. Alhamdulillah.

W. Germany : Imam delivered a speech at Friedrichsstadt and another at the mosque. Gave Arabic lessons to a new Muslim twice weekly. Mr. M. J. Czolsch delievered 2 speeches on Islam at Frankfurt mosque. Mr. Anwari delievered speech on Islam at Disseldorf. Members met weekly at Nuremberg.

Scandinavia : Lessons in Arabic and Quran have been started. Received students group, presented literature, answered questions. Swedish Press published an interview. Denmark

Press published 2 notes relating to a letter from the community in a Swedish paper. News about mosque was widely reported.

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Switzerland : Mr. M. A. Bajwa (Secretary to the European Missions Council) gave fifteen lessons to the members of the Community and also held a class for the children. During the period under report he assisted two writers on the subject of Marriage and Festivals. It is interesting to note that the Universities in various parts of the world are getting increasingly interested in the teachings of Islam and in various places help is sought from our missionaries to write thesis on different subjects of Islam.

One person joined the Movement.

FAZL-I-OMAR FOUNDATION

In humble gratitude to the noble services of the late Hazrat Amirul Momineen Khalifatul Masih II which he so strenuously rendered to the Community as well as to the rest of the world, the Jamaat has decided to set up a Fazl-i-Omar Foundation. Two and a half million rupees have to be donated for it. And the earlier the better. Send your donations or your promises (for, this amount has to be collected in three yearly instalments) to Hazrat Amirul Momineen, Khalifatul Masih III.

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